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## **Navy Concludes Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2012**

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NORFOLK, Va. – Navy shore installations and activities inside the continental United States completed the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) and Commander, Navy Installations Command- (CNIC) led Exercises Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield (SC-CS) 2012, March 23.

SC-CS is an annual Force Protection exercise designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units.

The two exercises, each with a distinct focus, occurred simultaneously and trained and tested security force personnel throughout a number of force-protection scenarios.

Scenarios ranged from identifying surveillance to large-scale, multifaceted threats originating from the sea and air. Security forces were assessed on their response to the emerging threats.

“Our intent was to accurately simulate real-world conditions, and to assess how our forces operate in that environment,” said Adm. J.C. Harvey Jr., commander of USFF. “Overall, it was a resounding success, and part of that can be attributed to the lessons we’ve learned from previous years.”

One of the takeaways from last year’s exercise was the traffic caused by personnel entering and exiting local bases.

“Whenever you have Sailors in a gridlocked situation outside of a Navy base, they’re in an environment where they’re vulnerable,” said Davidson. “We opened up our lines of communication and worked with state and local officials to ensure everyone, our service members and local residents, understood how base access could be impacted and the potential for delays on adjacent highways and roads near naval installations.”

Information was collected throughout this year’s exercises and will be assessed to identify tactics, techniques and procedures that can be improved going forward.

Exercise SC/CS 2012 was not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.

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